



BUDGET UPDATE

September 7, 1999

◆ *Fiscal Year 2000 Status:*

- ◆ The Treasury Appropriations bill has passed both House & Senate and Conference activity is underway. Pre-Conferencing among staffs began during the week of July 29th and will continue following the August recess (*Congress returns from recess on September 8th. Conference Committee action was suspended on August 6th, the recess date.*) We expect formal Conference to take place soon thereafter. We are hopeful of a good resolution on funding level differences in the two bills, closer to the President's request for most accounts. Funding levels being considered approximate \$12.2 billion for the entire Department, with the House down \$187M below our request and the Senate \$211M.
- ◆ **On other bills of Treasury Interest:** (1) **Foreign Operations** has passed both the House and Senate and is ready for Conference action after Labor Day. (2) VA-HUD has been reported out of House Full Committee and is ready for floor action in the House after Labor Day; there has been no formal action yet in the Senate. (3) **Commerce-Justice-State** has passed the House & Senate and is ready for Conference after Labor Day.

◆ *Fiscal Year 2001 Status*

- ◆ **We are engaged directly in final resolution of Fiscal 2001 Budget levels to be proposed to OMB on September 13th.** Earlier in August, Management issued passbacks to all bureaus, conforming to guidance provided by the Deputy Secretary in the spring. These were coordinated with affected Policy Offices.
- ◆ The only remaining issues to be resolved are in the Enforcement bureaus and ***we are on schedule to have those decisions resolved earlier next week in meetings being set with the Secretary***, Management and the Policy Office.
- ◆ All other bureau budget submissions are being finalized for submission to OMB on September 13th along with the Secretary's transmittal letter.
- ◆ OMB has already begun to plan for hearings later this month on our Fiscal 2001 request. These begin during the week of September 27th and conclude during the first week of October.